

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

April 21, 2016

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: Councilor Paul O'Connell (W4)

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on April 7, 2016 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the weeks ending April 13, 2016 in the amount of \$ 363,874.20 and April 20, 2016 in the amount of \$ 190,031.07 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the weeks of April 7 – April 20, 2016
- Report from the Building Inspector's office April 19, 2016
- Report of Public Hearing held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 11, 2016

RESOLVED: That the reports as listed are hereby ordered received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

4. CORRESPONDENCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the weeks ending April 15, 2016 in the amount of \$ 623,311.78 and April 22, 2016 in the amount of \$ 1,291,247.64 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kasper
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mike Deloria to hold a PHS Alumni flag football game at Melissa Penfield Park on June 25 from 12pm-4pm.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves sidewalk café and merchandise displays, application forms and fees schedule as follows:

Parking space remains \$300 per space
Table remains \$20 per table
Permit Application for sidewalk café and merchandise display \$15 per application
Merchandise Display fee is \$2.00 per square foot

By Councilor Dowdle; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves RFP 2016-1 “City Beach Water Quality” be awarded to CDM Smith in the amount of \$49,600. The source of funds will be capital project H8120.25 – CSO Long Term Control Plan.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to revise capital project H8320.73, Water Plant Improvements, by increasing the project to \$225,000.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to establish capital project H5110.56, 2016 Equipment Purchase for a total of \$790,000.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid No. 2016-2-2 “St. Lawrence 3 Upgrade Construction” be awarded to Northline Utilities LLC in the total amount of \$218,400.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves PMLD Bid NO. 2016-2-1 “St. Lawrence 3- 15kV Pad Mounted Circuit Reclosers” be awarded to WESCO in the total amount of \$53,310.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.57, 2016 Street Resurfacing in the amount of \$713,000.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.58, 2016 Saranac River Trail – Phase II in the amount of \$2,370,000.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

J. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration “Request from Mayor Calnon to approve an advance up to \$34,000 General Fund monies in anticipation of donations for the Saratoga Replica project at the City Beach.”

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves an advance up to \$34,000 General Fund monies in anticipation of donations for the Saratoga Replica project at the City Beach.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Kasper

Discussion:

Mayor Calnon thank you for putting this on the table. As he indicated in correspondence to the Council earlier we are about \$34,000 short of what it would take to get it done. Part of that is grant money which is dependent on the Department of State issuing it so it's not quite as immediate a

situation as we were facing before. I feel very strong that this is a project that does a lot of good things for the City. As I pledged when I was running for office 3 years ago, that I was going to spend \$500 a month in donations. Thinking that doing that would provide some support for activities that would help some aspects of the quality of life here in Plattsburgh. For example, Max Moore Tree House is one that I think touched us all I think they got 5 months' worth of donations, but, I haven't made any yet this year. I am going to issue a challenge to the city. Not the city employees, not the city council but to everyone here I think this is a marvelous project. And I'm willing to match dollar for dollar any donations that come in up to \$6,000 a year in support of that project. In fact I already wrote the check. I'm going to give it to Richard and ask him hold it until we get some other donations in here, but, I am prepared to do that. I feel strongly that this is an example of showing progress in a way that is not expensive. In fact at this point it is basically free to the city outside of some maintenance and perhaps a little bit of prepping of the site. This is the kind of thing that fits in everybody's vision it shows that there is some activity out there and it also sends a message that we would have enough money in our hands to build it except that one of the things we said was we are not going to build it unless we can build it to meet ADA accessibility standards. And that adds enough extra money to it that we need to fill in the gap. So I think it meets a lot of my priorities so I'm prepared to spend some of my own money to support that.

Councilors Kasper said I accept your challenge.

Councilor Kretser said that's amazingly commendable Mayor for you to do that it's fantastic. The \$34,000 that we just said we would authorize. What is the amount that we are waiting for?

Mayor Calnon said it's about \$45,000 and then tobacco money is \$15,000.

Councilor Kretser said so to have it by the summer could we authorize the full amount?

Mayor Calnon said no we can't because like many grants no activity that takes place before the grant is signed is allowable. So we have to wait for the authorization first then we can place the order. It would have been nice to have it in the middle of the summer but for a replica of the Saratoga Battle of Plattsburgh weekend seems to be the right weekend.

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor Calnon to attend the "NYCOM 107th Annual Meeting" in Saratoga Springs, NY from May 1-3, 2016 at a cost not to exceed \$900.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a Police Department employee to attend “Law Enforcement Training Directors Association Annual Directors Meeting and Training” on from May 11-13, 2016 in Lake Placid, NY the total cost will not exceed \$537.37 and will be expensed out of the Asset Forfeiture fund.

By Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly
Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Mayor Calnon to approve an advance up to \$34,000 General Fund monies in anticipation of donations for the Saratoga Replica project at the City Beach. **(Move to agenda under “Other Items” Letter J)**

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Kasper reminded everyone next week work session will be a budget year to date and where all departments are

Councilor Kelly asked if work session after next they could revisit Special Assessment District.

Councilor Armstrong asked if time permits revisit taxis.

Councilor Kelly was pleased the 2 things passed tonight affect his neighborhood. Paving on Pine Street and the start of Phase II of the Saranac River Trail both of which Kevin Farrington has worked very hard the past couple of years. It is fantastic that one day we will be able to ride a bike or walk and hardly touch a city street from the high school to downtown. Proud of water front from city beach to marina. Thank Kevin Farrington for all his hard work on those issues and the Council and Mayor for your support also.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Armstrong; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:49 pm